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NOTE FOR: The Director

FROM: John L. Helgerson
Director of Congressional Affairs

SUBJECT: Contacts with the Senate Committee on
Governmental Affairs Concerning Statutory
Inspector General and Government Accounting
Office Audit

On 17 May 1988, I received a note from [redacted] relaying your question, "What opportunities have we had to testify before the Governmental Affairs Committee?" in reference to bills pending in the Senate to establish a statutory inspector general at the Agency and to bring the Agency under the purview of the General Accounting Office. While we have not been asked to testify before that committee on these issues, we have had extensive contacts with staff, as I shall discuss below.

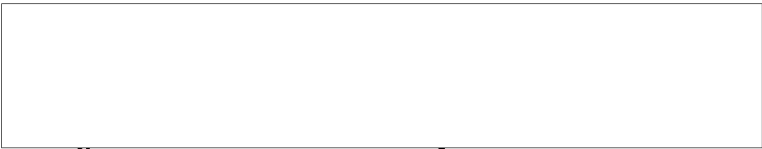
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On 9 February 1987, the Inspector General and Deputy Inspector General met with a staff member of the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs to explain the workings of the office. The committee wanted to have the IG testify in an open hearing on 19 February 1987, but this invitation was declined because of the reluctance to having senior officials testify in open hearings on intelligence related matters. As an alternative, Senator Glenn sent written questions to the Agency which were responded to promptly.

On 16 July 1987, Agency personnel met again with committee staffers, including the staff director. Shortly thereafter, it was decided that the National Intelligence Officer for East Asia (a former staffer for Senator Glenn) should meet with him personally to explain the Agency's equities. He met with him on 31 July, and Senator Glenn indicated at that time that he did not wish to circumscribe the Agency's authorities. The senator suggested that he might have breakfast with you to pursue the discussion.

This office made several attempts to schedule a breakfast between you and the Senator. However, no breakfast ever resulted because of scheduling difficulties on both sides. At about this same time, we learned that Senator Specter was going to pursue aggressively his efforts to establish a statutory inspector general. We then concentrated our efforts on the Specter bill. Meanwhile, Senator Glenn's pending bill requiring statutory inspector generals for various Federal agencies was not amended to include the Agency. Moreover, his bill providing for audit of the Agency by the General Accounting Office was not (and still is not) moving.

If you wish us to pursue the scheduling of a meeting with Senator Glenn or to take other steps to place you in contact with any other members of the Committee on Governmental Affairs, please let me know. For the time being, however, I recommend that we hold off until we gauge what reaction, if any, Senator Glenn or his staff has to the inspector general reporting provisions now contained in the Senate's intelligence authorization bill.


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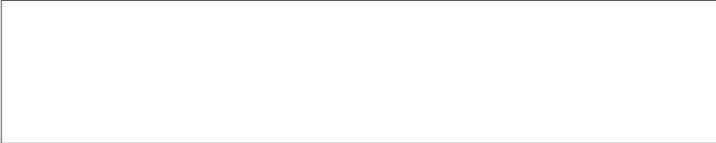
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SUBJECT : DCI Query Re: Contacts with Senate Governmental Affairs Committee			
NOTES Attached is a proposed note from you to the DCI answering his questions about whether we have had any opportunities to testify before the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee on the statutory IG and GAO audit issues. P.S. I left out the part about the World Series John <i>[Signature]</i> <i>[Signature]</i>			
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